

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper, or during the entire pendency of this application, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Claims 1 – 247 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 20, 36, 48, 60, 76, 126, 147, 151, 167, 199, 201, 204, 207, 209, 218, 224 and 234 are amended herein to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 1, 6, 36, 60, 218 and 224 are amended herein for grammatical consistency to recite that the conjugation reagent is “for effecting” covalent linkage. These amendments change the form, not the substance of the claimed subject matter, and therefore no new matter is added. Claims 20, 48, 76, 126, 167 and 234 are amended herein to correct the spelling of the chemical name abbreviated by PVDF. Enclosed is a copy of a product page for a solid support with the product number P0682 from the Sigma-Aldrich catalog in which the chemical name abbreviated by PVDF is defined as polyvinylidene difluoride. Claims 141, 157, 204 and 207 are amended to add the inadvertently omitted conjunction “and” between the second to last and last element of the claim. No new matter has been added.

The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical, spelling and grammatical errors, and to correlate attorney docket number with the now available serial numbers. The amendments to the paragraph on page 2, lines 12-21 in the specification, replaces “...attorney dkt No. 25885-1754 and 25885-1754PC...” with –10/699,088 and International application Serial No. PCT/US03/34821– and “...attorney dkt. nos. 25885-1759 and 25885-1759PC...” with –10/699,114 and International application Serial No. PCT/US03/34693– and “...attorney dkt. nos. 25885-1755PC...” with –10/699,113 and International application Serial No. PCT/US03/34747– to accurately reflect the application that is identified by each Attorney Docket number and incorporate the now available U.S. application and International application serial numbers. Filing receipts are provided as evidence.

Numerous amendments to the specification seek to correct the formatting of registered trademarks. These amendments find basis in the requirement to appropriately denote the proprietary nature of such registered trademarks and to distinguish them from other common descriptive nouns.

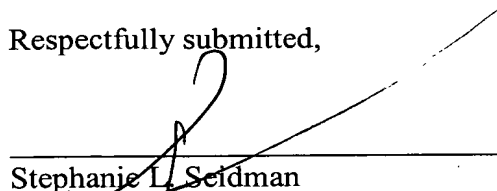
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No new matter has been added.

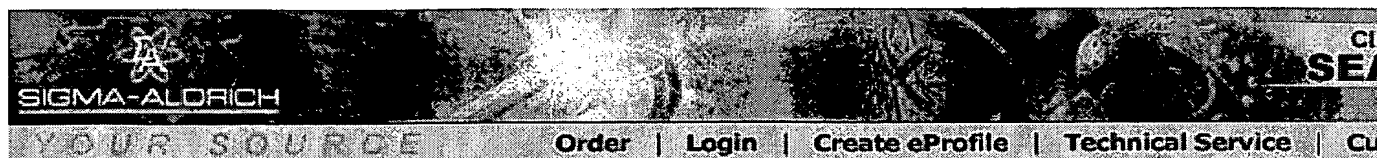
Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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No.****P0682****Description****Polyvinylidene difluoride membranes**

L x W 15 cm x 15 cm

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PVDF

Description**Application**

The ideal support for:

- Western blotting—hydrophobic membrane with high binding capacity and compatibility with all standard staining methods
- Protein sequencing—retains proteins and withstands reagents used in Edman degradation and even standard acid hydrolysis conditions

Properties**T**

135 µm

Pore Size

0.45 µm

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